

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the office action mailed January 28, 2004 in the subject application. In the office action the Examiner rejected claims 1-23 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. After entry of this amendment, the pending claims remain claims 1-23.

Double Patenting

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasoning for the double patenting rejection articulated in the January 28, 2004 office action, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants hereby enclose a Terminal Disclaimer that disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of United States Patent number 6,449,159.

In light of the above remarks and the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at (650) 849-7603, if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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